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CONSTRAINTS TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Seasonal variability in food supply and prices;
- Inadequate attention to value chain development
- Inadequate value addition in marketing and processing of agriculture production
- *Lack of national agricultural land use policy*

Undeveloped capacity of FBOs to access or deliver services

- Over dependence on rain-fed agriculture
- *Limited availability of appropriate farm machinery, equipment and power*
- *Inadequate post-production infrastructure (i.e. storage, processing)*
- *Low productivity at farm level*



POLICY REFORMS

2001-2007 OBJECTIVES

- Modernization of agricultural production to achieve food self-sufficiency and food security
- Raw materials for industry
- Commodities for export
- Co-ordinate policies and programmes for the agricultural sector
- Strengthen the institutional capacity of MOFA
- Establish, strengthen and maintain intra and inter sectoral linkages

2008-2010 OBJECTIVES

- Food security, emergency preparedness
- Improved growth in incomes and reduced income variability
- Sustainable management of land and environment
- Increased competitiveness and enhanced integration into domestic and international markets
- Application of science and technology in food and agriculture development
- Effective Institutional Coordination



Strategic Direction

- Value chain concept
- Focus on selected commodities for food security
- Emergency preparedness
- Diversification for income generation and stability
- Enhance productivity
- Mechanisation to remove drudgery
- Irrigation to remove over reliance on rainfall



Strategic Direction

- *Meeting the challenge of quality standards*
- *Transforming smallholder agriculture*
- *Public-Private partnership*
- *Inclusivity: whereby all operators (youth, vulnerable, women and men) are reached with services*
- *Coordination and Harmonisation*



Experiences/recommendations of Co-authors

- Hands on experience in research for policy analysis;
- Major constraint – inadequate time to carry out in depth analysis due to busy schedules of co-authors; and
- Need to regularly assess impact of policies being implemented.



Thank You For Your Attention



VALUE CHAIN APPROACH